

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1-2. **(Cancelled).**

3. **(Currently Amended)** A molded shell for use as a helmet  
which comprises:

an inner layer which comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic  
material,

an outer layer which comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic  
material, and

an integral intermediate layer located between portions of  
said inner and outer layers, said intermediate layer comprising first,  
second and third layers of non-woven fabric and synthetic resin, and a  
molded net member located between said first and second layers, said  
molded net member comprising strands of a thermosetting or  
thermoplastic resin ~~and defining strands and which are arranged to define~~  
~~square openings between said strands, said first, second and third layers~~  
~~and said molded net member being bonded together and resins from said~~  
~~first and second layers filling the openings of said net member being filled~~  
~~by said first and second layers.~~

4. **(Previously Presented)** A molded laminate shell according to  
claim 3, wherein said molded net member is made of a thermosetting  
resin.

5. **(Previously Presented)** A molded laminate shell according to claim 3, wherein said molded net member is made of a thermoplastic resin.